

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes"</b>	<b>1:30 – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening</b>

**\*\*Members are advised that the GOP Leadership has announced that votes will occur after 7:00 p.m. when the House is considering Appropriations bills, and that the House will be voting late into the evening today.**

**[H.Res. 616](#) – Rule Providing for Consideration of H.R. 4800 – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Aderholt – Appropriations), H.R. 4453 – Permanent S Corporation Built-in Gains Recognition Period Act of 2014 (Rep. Reichert – Ways and Means), and H.R. 4457 – America’s Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2014 (Rep. Tiberi – Ways and Means) (One Hour of Debate).** The Rules Committee has recommended one Rule which would provide for consideration of three bills.

For H.R. 4800, the Rules Committee has recommended a modified open Rule that allows any amendments that comply with House Rules to be considered. The Rule provides for one hour of general debate, equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations. The Rule allows any Member to submit an amendment that complies with the House Rules, but only provides for 10 minutes of debate per amendment equally divided between the proponent and an opponent – and does not permit unlimited pro forma amendments. It provided up to 10 pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate offered by the Chair and Ranking Member or their designee and one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

For [H.R. 4453](#), the Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways & Means. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

For [H.R. 4457](#), the Rules Committee has recommended a closed Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways & Means. The Rule allows one motion to recommit, and waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules Committee rejected a motion by Mr. McGovern of Massachusetts to consider all three bills under an open Rule. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**[H.R. 4800](#) – Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 (Rep. Aderholt – Appropriations) (One Hour of Debate).** The bill provides approximately \$20.9 billion in discretionary budget authority for FY 2015, for the Agriculture Department, related agencies and programs, the same level of funding as FY 2014.

Despite similarities in funding from FY 2014, the bill includes misguided riders that weaken critical nutrition programs. The bill includes a provision that would allow school food authorities (SFA) to get waivers from complying with the improved lunch and breakfast nutrition standards in 2010’s Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA). The HHFKA was passed in order to address serious nutrition concerns among American children – namely that millions of children lacked access to school meals and that one in three children in America today are either overweight or obese. Granting schools waivers from the program and its standards would greatly hinder the ability of the USDA to help schools provide children with healthy meals.

The bill also makes an unprecedented change to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Congress has never mandated the inclusion of a specific food item in the WIC food package in the history of the program – but this bill would require that white potatoes be eligible for purchase in the WIC program. The USDA has said that “including white potatoes in the WIC food packages would not contribute towards meeting the nutritional needs of the WIC population and would not support the goal of expanding the types and varieties of fruits and vegetables available to program participants.”



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Additionally, the bill provides \$217.6 million in funding for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) – 22% below the President’s request. By refusing to fully fund the CFTC, the independent agency responsible for regulating and managing the U.S. futures and options market and overseeing the swaps and derivatives market, Republicans are continuing their ideological attacks on 2010’s Dodd-Frank financial regulatory overhaul and assuming its repeal.

H.R. 4800 furthers the Republican’s extreme agenda, and puts the health of our nation’s children at risk. Lastly, the White House has issued a SAP stating that the President's advisors would recommend he veto this bill. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

**Bill Text for H.R. 4800:**

[PDF Version](#)

**Background for H.R. 4800:**

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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## The Daily Quote

“The Republican-led House will reach a dubious milestone this week: It will enter the record books as the most gagged in American history... Republicans complained when they took control of Congress in 1995 that the number of ‘open rules’ — the sort of freewheeling debate that characterized the House for most of its history — had fallen to 30 percent of all debates in 1993-1994, from 85 percent in 1975-1976. And now? Open debates are 6 percent of the House total... ‘We will do these things . . . in a manner that restores and respects the time-honored right of the minority to an honest debate, a fair and open process,’ [House Speaker John] Boehner [R-OH] said upon assuming the speakership. ‘And to my friends in the minority, I offer a commitment: Openness, once a tradition of this institution, but increasingly scarce in recent decades, will be the new standard... You will always have the right to a robust debate in an open process that allows you to represent your constituents, to make your case, offer alternatives and be heard...’ It’s striking how quickly [House Republicans] dropped their vows of transparency and instead embraced and expanded the use of the Washington shenanigans they deplored.”

- Dana Milbank, Washington Post, 6/9/2014